

# State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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July 29, 2010

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7005 0390 0000 7507 4467

Barry Peterson K Four Ranch, Inc. 1648 South 600 West P.O. Box 62 Oakley, Idaho 83346

Subject:

Permit Suspended - Requirement to Post Reclamation Surety, K Four Ranch, Inc.,

Briggs Quarry, S/003/0058, Box Elder County, Utah

Response due: August 30, 2010.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

During a recent inspection of the Briggs quarry (inspection report attached), it was discovered that you have not provided a reclamation surety for this site. Therefore, approval to conduct mining operations at this site is hereby suspended, and the Notice of Intention will be withdrawn and a Cessation Order issued unless you take the actions specified in this letter. If the Notice of Intention is withdrawn, you will be required to immediately reclaim the site.

You have been previously notified of the requirement to post a reclamation surety and sign a Reclamation Contract (letters dated June 8, September 8, and November 20, 2006, and February 22, 2007). Our records indicate you have not completed this requirement.

As a result you are considered to be out of compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, and you are subject to enforcement action. In order to curtail this action you must perform one of the following actions by August 30, 2010:

Provide a reclamation surety adequate to assure reclamation of the site in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R647-3-111. The reclamation surety is determined to be \$25,000.00 This was determined based on average costs per acre as shown in the following table:

| Small Mine Opera | ation Bond Calcula | ation Workshe    | et S/003/0058     |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                  | 3-year escalatio   | n (2013)         |                   |
| tem              | Qty                | <b>Unit Cost</b> | <b>Total Cost</b> |



| 1st Acre Disturbance    | 1 | \$7,400.00 | \$7,400.00  |
|-------------------------|---|------------|-------------|
| Add'l Acres Disturbance | 4 | \$4,400.00 | \$17,600.00 |
| TOTAL                   |   |            | \$25,000.00 |

The Division also needs to receive a signed reclamation contract.

You must also provide evidence that your company (K Four Ranch, Inc.) is registered with the State of Utah Division of Corporations. In lieu of this, you may transfer this operation to your other company, Gold Star Stone, Inc., utilizing form MR-TRS, which is available on the Division's web site at <a href="http://ogm.utah.gov/minerals/MINERALSFORMS.htm">http://ogm.utah.gov/minerals/MINERALSFORMS.htm</a>. (Please note that the business registration for Gold Star Stone, Inc. expired in February of 2010 and needs to be renewed).

2. Provide evidence that you have completely reclaimed the site and are ready to have the site closed. In this case, you would still need to provide a surety sufficient for revegetation.

Failure to complete this requirement will result in a Cessation Order being issued in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R647-6-102. A civil penalty will be assessed which could be as high as \$750 per day of non-compliance. We hope to avoid this situation and ask that you contact the Division as soon as possible so we can resolve these problems.

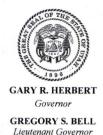
If you have any questions or wish to appeal this decision, please call me at (801) 538-5261 or Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5310.

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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### **Inspection Report** Minerals Regulatory Program July 26, 2010

Reviewed:

| Mine Name: Briggs Quarry   | Permit Number: S/003/0058      |         |             |  |
|--|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|--|
| Operator Name: K Four Ranch, Inc.  | Inspection Date: July 15, 2010 |         |             |  |
| Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler   | Time: 10:00 am                 |         |             |  |
| Other Participants: None   | Mine Status: Inactive          |         |             |  |
| <b>Elements of Inspection</b>  | Evaluated                      | Comment | Enforcement |  |
| <ol> <li>Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds</li> <li>Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)</li> <li>Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control</li> </ol> |                                |         |             |  |

- 4. Deleterious Material 5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)
- 6. Concurrent Reclamation
- 7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,
- 8. Soils
- 9. Revegetation
- 10. Other

#### **Purpose of Inspection:**

Routine inspection while in the area.

#### **Inspection Summary:**

There is no surety for this site. In 2007, a letter was sent requesting a surety for the 4.8 acres of disturbance. To date, this has not been received. Past due annual permit fees have been paid as well as for the current year.

Site conditions show that there has not been any activity for several months at this site, although photos appear to indicate that there has been activity probably last year. The site did appear to be stable (no erosion problems) and was relatively free of garbage and debris. Public is restricted from this site via locked gates from the east.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

#### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The Division needs to follow-up with the operator to get a bond and reclamation contract for this site. A search of the Dept. of Corporations show that the company name, "K Four Ranch, Inc." is not registered to business in Utah. Application for business registration needs to be made ASAP, or the operation needs to be transferred to Gold Star Stone, Inc. (another company name operated by Barry Peterson). Continue to monitor this site when in the area.

Inspector's Signature cc: Barry Peterson, Operator

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